some people taken some where near Alleppey. It is a pitiable sight to see the starving people of Alleppey in that photo. Alleppey is a port and a town. If this is the condition of the people in the towns what is the condition of people in the interior? I say that every effort should be made to see that in addition to stopping the importation of paddy, a systematic course should be adopted to make the country self-sufficient in the matter of paddy.

Then, with regard to cocoanut. I do not think that hereafter it will be possible for cocoanut growers to get as much income for this commodity as they used to get in olden days. The markets have dwindled. Substitutes have taken its place. Cocoanut, pepper and even cardamom are slowly losing the market. Therefore, as I said in the morning, a lot of experiments should be conducted in our laburatories by our experts and these experiments must be very strictly supervised by Government. There is no use transferring experts from one department to another indefinitely. This is an important question of providing food for the starving millions. The experts should consult the people and give direction to the University authorities. Therefore I say that all these things should be seriously considered by Government and steps taken sufficiently early to prevent the people suffering from starvation.

There is no sense in sending away all our cocoanuts to outside countries. We have lost our foreign markets. Therefore we should make it possible to use cocoanuts in a variety of ways in our daily consumption. There are ever so many experts in this country; experts in Physics, experts in Chemistry and experts in ever so many other matters.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2 P. M.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1 P. M. and reassembled at 2 P. M. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

1. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar
2. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar

SADASIATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: Sir, I was trying to explain the several ways in which improvements may be effected and measures adopted for economic reconstruction and development. Whatever be the efforts made by Governmental authority or Non-official agency the fact will have to be recognised and acted upon that it is mainly from agriculture that we can get the wherewithal and sufficient substance for the increasing needs of the population. I may be permitted to refer to an episode narrated in Maha Bharatha. When the subjects of King Prithu were in distress in a season of draught the King was approached by a representative body. "Your Majesty" they said "we are your children. You must help us, you must give us food". After a short reflection the King drew his bow and aimed at the earth and said

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